

**PATENT**  
**P-5026****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****NOV 11 2004**

APPLICANT(S): Nicholas R. Bachur, Jr. et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/892,061

GROUP: 1744

FILING DATE: June 26, 2001

EXAMINER: W. Beisner

FOR: System and Method for Optically Monitoring the Concentration of a Gas, or  
the Pressure in a Sample Vial to Detect Sample Growth**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH**  
**EXTENSION OF TIME**Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FAXED (703) 872-9306 TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450	
ON:	November 11, 2004 (DATE OF DEPOSIT)
BY:	URSULA POLIGNONE (NAME)
	<i>Ursula Polignone</i> (SIGNATURE)

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a Three Month Extension of Time from  
September 3, 2004 to December 3, 2004 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on June 3, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 for the \$980.00 fee for the three (3) month  
extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Account No. 02-1666.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott J. Rittman  
Registration No. 39,010

Becton, Dickinson and Company  
1<sup>st</sup> Becton Drive  
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417  
(201) 887-6356  
#85138

988.00 DA  
798.00 DA

11/11/2004 11:11 AM LAURENCE 00000005 166 0902061

FEE